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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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## Man in custody after threats toward police at Southern District station

Howard County police are investigating an incident in which a man walked into the Southern District station and made threats against police.

At approximately 4:40 this afternoon, an adult male subject walked into the station and made threats against police, referring to possible explosive devices in and around the Southern District station. He was immediately taken into custody and is still being interviewed at this time. The building was evacuated, as was the adjacent fire station and several nearby businesses in a nearby strip mall in an abundance of caution.

Howard County police and members of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services immediately initiated a joint investigation, conducting searches of the police and fire stations. Representatives from the Howard County Office of the Fire Marshal, the Maryland State Office of the Fire Marshal, Prince George's County Police Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also provided assistance. No devices were found. At no time were police services interrupted.

Charges are pending. The suspect will be identified once charges are filed. No other information is available at this time.

The investigation is continuing.